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Guide to Collection

Harry F. Snyder Photograph Collection, 1916-1918

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

In October 1970, Harry F. Snyder of Seal Beach, California presented the library with photographs and information on the Treadwell Mine where he worked as an electrician from 1916-1918.

In gathering material for the three albums, Mr. Snyder obtained material from five people with whom he had worked: Virgil G. Moore, Leo J. Higley, Alex Morgan, George E. McDonnell, and Bob Traver, during Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Co.'s peak, 1916, and who were also there during the cave-in of the Glory Hole in 1917.

A second album includes some color photographs of the Treadwell area taken by Mr. Snyder in 1967 when he made a return trip to the area where he had worked nearly fifty years previously.

During this trip, Mr. Snyder became concerned that too few were aware of the history of Treadwell and prepared these albums to convey the color, flavor, and magnitude of an era along the Gastineau Channel that is long gone.

The albums include 162 photographs. Detailed captions and explanations identify buildings, mining activities, town events, and individuals. The album also compares photographs taken by Mr. Snyder in 1916 with those he took fifty years later in 1966-67.

INVENTORY

Albums:

1 & 2 Treadwell, Alaska, 1916-19183 Nugget Creek hydroelectric plant